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MIDDLETOWN AWARDED \$703,000 FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WASHINGTON - U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey (NY-22) today announced that the City of Middletown has been awarded \$703,000 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The grant is being made through HUD's Community Development Block Grant program.

"I am pleased to be able to announce this important funding for the City of Middletown," said Hinchey. "CDBG funding has been an indispensable resource for cities and towns in the Hudson Valley for more than two decades. It continues to help improve the quality of life there, particularly for lower income residents."

Mayor Joseph DeStefano added, "The funding from HUD will allow us to continue our aggressive efforts to rehabilitate housing units, especially for senior citizen housing, while also continuing to promote economic revitalization through small business loans."

HUD awards grants to communities to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services. The communities develop their own programs, while giving high priority to activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. All of the activities funded by the grant must be included in the city's comprehensive planning document known as the Consolidated Plan.